

Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of the Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the Claims in this Application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (previously amended) A security system, comprising:
- 2 a) a handheld light source for selectively emitting a beam of light, said
- 3 light source including:
- 4 1) an imager, having an optical axis generally along said beam
- 5 of light, for converting a first image received along said optical axis into an
- 6 electronic image;
- 7 2) a transmitter, coupled to said imager, for broadcasting said
- 8 electronic image as a broadcast image; and
- 9 3) a power cell, coupled to said imager and to said transmitter,
- 10 for providing operating power such that said light source is portable; and
- 11 b) a remote unit, including:
- 12 1) a receiver for receiving said broadcast image and converting
- 13 it back to said electronic image; and
- 14 2) at least one of the following:
- 15 i) a monitor, coupled to said receiver, for displaying said
- 16 electronic image; and
- 17 ii) a recorder, coupled to said receiver, for recording said
- 18 electronic image in a format suitable for recovery of said first image
- 19 at a later time,
- 20 wherein said handheld light source is constructed and arranged to
- 21 concurrently generate said beam of light, convert said first image into an
- 22 electronic image, and broadcast said electronic image as a broadcast
- 23 image.

2. (previously amended) The security system of claim 1 wherein said remote unit consists essentially of said recorder.

3. (amended) The security system of claim 1 wherein said remote unit is installed in a passenger vehicle.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The security system of claim 1 wherein said flashlight includes an on/off switch and is operable independently of said video camera.

6. (canceled)

1 7. (amended) The security system of claim 1 wherein
2 said handheld light source further includes a microphone, coupled
3 to said transmitter, for converting sounds from a region near said light
4 ~~course~~ source into audio signals, and
5 wherein said transmitter broadcasts said audio signals as audio
6 data, wherein said receiver converts said audio data into audio signals,
7 and wherein said monitor ~~audibilizes~~ audibilizes said audio signals.

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8. (original) The security system of claim 7 wherein said remote unit includes said monitor.

9. (amended) The security system of claim 8 wherein said monitor ~~audibilizes~~ audibilizes said audio signals concurrent with display of said electronic image.

10. (original) The security system of claim 7 wherein said remote unit includes a repeater, coupled to said receiver, for rebroadcasting said broadcast image and said audio data to other receivers.

11. (canceled)

1 12. (amended) A method for providing security to an area, comprising: ~~the~~
2 ~~steps of~~

3 broadcasting a series of real-time images with accompanying audio
4 signals, from each of a plurality of handheld flashlights, each of said
5 handheld flashlights constructed and arranged for emitting a flashlight
6 beam, and each of said handheld flashlights having a video camera and
7 microphone coupled to a transmitter, said video camera having an optical
8 axis generally along said flashlight beam, wherein said series of real-time
9 images correspond to a series of optical images detected by said video
10 camera concurrent with said emitting a flashlight beam;

11 receiving said series of real-time images and audio signals from at
12 least one of said plurality of handheld flashlights as a received series at a
13 remote receiver; and

14 capturing said received series of real-time images by selecting at
15 least one of the following steps:

16 displaying said received series of real-time images on a monitor
17 coupled to said receiver while concurrently audibilizing said audio signals;
18 and

19 recording said received series of real-time images in a format
20 suitable recovery of said real-time images at a later time.

1 13. (amended) A method for providing security to an area, comprising the
2 steps of:

equipping at least two of a team of security officers with a flashlight, the flashlight including an integrated wireless video camera and a microphone coupled to a transmitter, each flashlight constructed to emit a beam of light concurrent with said integrated wireless video camera detecting an image along an optical axis oriented generally along said beam of light;

concurrently emitting a beam of light and detecting an image along an optical axis oriented generally along said beam of light;

broadcasting a series of real-time images with accompanying audio signals from at least one of said flashlights, wherein said series of real-time images is captured by said integrated wireless video camera concurrent with said ~~generation~~ emitting of said beam of light;

receiving said series of real-time images and audio signals at a receiver operated at a remote location wherein a team member of said security ~~team~~ officers is located; and

capturing said series of real-time images by selecting at least one of the following steps:

1) displaying to said team member said series of real-time images by use of a monitor coupled to said receiver, and audibilizing said audio signals to said team member while displaying said selected one of said series of real-time images; and

2) recording, by use of a recorder coupled to said receiver, said series of real-time images in a format for later recovery and display by said team member.

14. (amended) The security providing method of claim 13 further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

rebroadcasting said series of real-time images and audio signals by use of a repeater coupled to said receiver;

5 receiving said rebroadcast series of real-time images and audio signals
6 by use of a second receiver operated at a second remote location wherein a
7 second team member of said security officers is located;
8 displaying to said second team member said series of real-time images
9 by use of a second monitor coupled to said second receiver; and
10 audibilizing said audio signals to said second team member while
11 displaying said series of real-time images.

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15. (canceled)

1 16. (previously amended) The security system of claim 1 wherein the
2 handheld light source further includes a laser pointer constructed and
3 arranged to emit a laser beam oriented along a field-of-view of said imager
4 and wherein said laser pointer is constructed and arranged to operate
5 independently of said imager and said handheld light source.

17. (previously amended) The security system of claim 1 wherein said
handled light source further includes an RF shield substantially
surrounding at least a portion of said transmitter.

1 18. (amended) The security system of claim 1 having a second remote
2 unit, said second remote unit having a second receiver, wherein said
3 transmitter broadcasts said broadcast image at a first frequency, and
4 wherein said remote unit includes a repeater, coupled to said receiver,
5 capable of rebroadcasting said broadcast image at a second frequency to
6 ~~an other~~ said second receiver in ~~at least one~~ said second remote unit, said
7 second frequency being different from said first ~~another~~ frequency at
8 ~~which said transmitter broadcasts said electronic image as a broadcast~~
9 ~~image.~~

19. (canceled)

1 20. (amended) The security system of claim 1 wherein said handheld light
2 source further includes a microphone, coupled to said transmitter,
3 constructed and arranged to convert a sound into an audio signal, and
4 wherein said transmitter is constructed and arranged to combine
5 said audio signal and said electronic image into a combined signal and to
6 broadcast said combined signal in place of said broadcast image, and
7 wherein said receiver is constructed and arranged to receive said
8 combined signal and convert it back to an audio signal and an electronic
9 image.

1 21. (new) A security apparatus comprising:
2 a baton, constructed and arranged for striking a person, having a
3 gripping area and having a structure for supporting a light source and a
4 structure for supporting a video camera;
5 a switchable light source attached to said structure for supporting a
6 video camera, for switchably emitting a light beam along a beam axis; and
7 a video camera attached to said structure for supporting a video
8 camera for detecting a video image.

22. The security apparatus of claim 21, wherein said video camera
includes means for transmitting a video signal based on said video image.

23. The security apparatus of claim 21, wherein said baton, said
switchable light source and said video camera are constructed and
arranged to remain operable after said baton is used to strike a person
with a security enforcement level of force.

25. (new) In a security baton, an improvement comprising a video camera.

26. (new) In the security baton of claim 25, a further improvement comprising a light source for emanating a beam of light substantially collinear with an optical axis of said video camera.

27. (new) In the baton of claim 26, a further improvement comprising said light source being capable of emanating said beam of light concurrently with said video camera detecting an image.

- 1 28. (new) In the baton of claim 27, a further improvement comprising a
- 2 said light source and video camera being constructed and arranged such
- 3 that said beam light emitted concurrently with said video camera detecting
- 4 an image is capable of illuminating objects on said optical axis of said
- 5 camera without substantially washing out said image detected by said
- 6 video camera.